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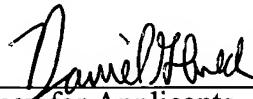
Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 14 through 21, 24 through 27, and 31 through 38 are pending, with Claims 14, 18, 24, 31, and 35 being independent. Claims 1 through 13, 22, 23, and 28 through 30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 14, 18, and 24 have been amended. Claims 31 through 38 have been added.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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